

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PUBLIC HEARING
December 4, 2013**

President Brad Schnarr called the Regular Meeting of the Jasper Plan Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Bernita Berger took roll call as follows:

Brad Schnarr, Pres.	-Present	Cindy Recker	-Present
Jim Schroeder, V.P.	-Absent	Pat Lottes	-Present
Bernita Berger, Sec.	-Present	Dan Buck	-Absent
Paul Lorey	-Present	Chad Hurm, City Engineer	-Present
Randy Mehninger	-Present	Darla Blazey, Director of Community Development / Planning	-Present
Ben Krapf	-Present	Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	-Present
Kevin Manley	-Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schnarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the October 2, 2013, Regular Meeting were reviewed. Secretary Berger made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Kevin Manley seconded it. Motion carried 9-0. Due to no business at hand, the November meeting was cancelled.

STATEMENT

President Schnarr read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

NEW BUSINESS

Petition concerning the City of Jasper Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan; This Plan shall be an addition to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Jasper for the Jasper Planning area.

Mayor Terry Seitz introduced Barry Alberts, of CityVisions, and David Gamble, of Gamble & Associates, who presented the proposed Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan. The Commission was asked to consider recommending the plan to the Common Council for adoption as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan at the Council's December meeting.

The 64-page proposal outlines enhancing the character of the Square; improving the connection to Patoka River and the developments around the river; reusing former industrial properties; improving the vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic flow downtown; and incorporating public art in the downtown and riverfront areas. The plan includes enhancement strategies in each category and an overall action plan.

Following discussion, Kevin Manley made a motion to recommend the plan that was

presented and to certify it to the Common Council for final approval at its December 18, 2013 meeting. President Schnarr seconded it. Ben Krapf voted against the motion. Motion carried 8-1.

Mr. Krapf stated his reasoning for voting against the proposed plan was due to lack of cost estimates on any of the project ideas.

Brad Schnarr resignation.

Mayor Seitz presented President Brad Schnarr with a certificate of recognition and thanks for his service to the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals since September of 2007. Mr. Schnarr said he chose not to pursue another four-year term because he plans to devote his time to his family.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, City Engineer Chad Hurm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Lottes seconded it. Motion carried 9-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Brad Schnarr, President

Bernita Berger, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary